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Czechoslovakia-USSR: Prague leaders over the weekend called for complete Czechoslovak submission to the Moscow agreement, as reports continue to circulate that Dubcek's days as party chief are numbered.

Dubcek, Premier Cernik, and President Svoboda have again indicated that their ability to implement some of Dubcek's liberal reforms will be determined by how well Prague fulfills its commitments to Moscow.

Soviet emissary Kuznetsov has been searching for a replacement for Dubcek, according to [redacted] the US Embassy in Prague. Slovak Party First Secretary Gustav Husak reportedly tops the list of candidates. The Soviets are said to be contrasting Husak's political maturity and experience against Dubcek's naivete, apparently in an effort to convince the Czechoslovaks that their relations with Moscow would be improved by such a shift.

Dubcek's standing with the Czechoslovak population remains high, however, and the US Embassy believes that the Soviets would risk serious public reaction or at least a reduced willingness to comply with the Moscow accord if they insist on Dubcek's ouster.

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The US military attaché in Prague reported that large Soviet forces moved out of Prague on the night of 11-12 September, and there are almost no Soviet troops and tanks remaining in the city. He said that major concentrations of Soviet troops were just outside the city and "can be rapidly committed in one to two hours" if the situation changes. [redacted]

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